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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs Shipment 10 March 2016



USDA FOOD Shipment 10 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information.

This website is located at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. The schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability and warehouse space.

Newsletter is Online, too!

All issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

Ordering for Next School Year

The ordering process for next school year will **open on Monday, February 15th and will close Wednesday, March 2nd**. Please see the enclosed pages regarding ordering instructions.

Please note: It is possible not all items on the order form will be able to be ordered through USDA. This may be due to low volume ordered or not being able to split with a neighboring state. If this happens all schools will be notified and the order form will be reopen to request different items.

Extra items:

All schools are cleared to order extra items. ☺ Send me an email with what you would like.

The amounts listed are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests *by Monday, February 29, 2016*.

USDA Foods	Cases Left	Price/case
Blueberries, fzn	1130	\$27.70
Chicken fajita strips, fzn	1081	\$50.61
Chicken, diced, fzn	1000	\$92.92
Tomato sauce, cnd	840	\$13.84
Beans, vegetarian, cnd	795	\$13.75
Cheese, red fat, shred, fzn	484	\$64.71
Cheese, mozz, shred, fzn	407	\$61.82
Peas, fzn	361	\$18.59
Ham, cooked, fzn	324	\$63.32
Beans, Kidney, cnd	261	\$15.95
Beans, Great Northern, cnd	255	\$13.73
Strawberry slices, fzn	251	\$34.94
Flour, whole wheat	232	\$9.20
Tomato paste, cnd	213	\$23.07
Peach cups, fzn	202	\$42.20
Vegetable oil	181	\$23.08
Spaghetti sauce, cnd	151	\$14.15
Green beans, cnd	56	\$15.46
Potato wedges, fzn	54	\$18.33
Applesauce cups	137	\$16.59
Pork leg roast, frz	45	\$54.48
Beans, black, cnd	40	\$15.48
Turkey deli, fzn	17	\$115.69
Rice, brown	14	\$29.07
Applesauce cups	8	\$33.17
Char beef patties, fzn	4	\$27.46
Flour 60/40 Blend	2	\$6.83
Chicken tenders, fzn	2	\$42.60
Ham, sliced, fzn	1	\$66.40

National School Breakfast Week

March 7-11th is National School Breakfast Week! This year's theme is "Wake up to School Breakfast." It's all about learning the connection between healthy breakfast and good grades! Start planning to celebrate breakfast week with resources from the School Nutrition Association at <https://schoolnutrition.org/NSBW2016/ToolsResources/>.

Have you considered celebrating breakfast EVERY DAY? Explore a new or alternative breakfast model by applying for a \$5,000 Montana Breakfast after the Bell Mini-Grant. Go to <http://grants.nokidhungry.org> and use the access code **MTBREAKFAST2016**. Applications are due before March 1st.

If you have questions about applying for the grant contact Linda Cleatus at LCleatus@mt.gov or (406) 444-3925.

Sysco is Offering ServSafe Classes for Customers

If you are a Sysco customer and need to update your ServSafe credentials please look into attending one of the upcoming classes.

- March 22, 2016
Great Northern Hotel in Helena, MT
- June 9, 2016
Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT
- July 21, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn in Billings, MT
- September 22, 2016
Holiday Inn Express in Bozeman, MT
- November 10, 2016
Big Horn Resort in Billings, MT

Sysco Montana is proud to sponsor the class dates above in partnership with the Montana Restaurant Association. Course fees for all courses are \$135.00 per participant. For specific information or to obtain a registration form contact Sysco Montana's Carole Makin at (406) 247-1133 or makin.carole@mt.sysco.com.

Save the Date for Summer Summit

Summer is nearing so get your sunscreen and flip flops ready and join OPI School Nutrition Programs for the 6th Annual Summer Summit in Helena. The Summer Summit will take place on April 15, 2016 at the Great Northern Hotel. The summit is a great time to learn from other sponsors across the state, gain required continuing education hours, and complete the required SFSP workshop. Be sure to make your reservations early. The Great Northern has state rate rooms reserved for our group until March 14th. We hope to see you there!

Check out our MT Summer Food Service Program webpage for more SFSP information and registration links (coming soon). Visit: opi.mt.gov/summerfood

2016 Montana Farm to School Summit

Save the date for the *Montana Farm to School Summit: Sprouting Success* to be held on September 22-23, 2016, at Montana State University in Bozeman. Learn and share how Montana schools and programs are sprouting success through the core elements of farm to school: serving local foods, school gardens, nutrition, agriculture, and food education. Workshops, field trips, and networking opportunities will provide inspiration and skill building.

For more information contact Aubree Roth, Montana Farm to School Coordinator, at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.